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1) Why and How the Absolute manifested
2) Progress from CC to UC in terms of Love

Q: Maharishi, please speak on the possibility of experiencing the knowledge of why the infinite ever expressed itself as seemingly finite?

MMY: The ocean, if always silent, it may even not be recognized as an ocean. It may just remain. People may think that it's a part of the earth because it's immovable. The ocean will lose its identity if it doesn't rise up in waves. For the fun of play the ocean moves up and down, and waves arise. And each wave is a wave of the ocean—joy. A wave of joy. So, infinite became finite, it only took out in. [laughter]. In was out. The relationship between finite and infinite is only in in being out.

The reason that is attributed to this phenomenal expression of the infinite is: for the sake of play. The finite values come out of the play of the infinite. It's a play. And it's a very interesting play. You know when you see a football match, you can see the players as you like. If you want to see them all red, put on the red glasses. And they'll all be red moving about. Green glasses—everything would be green. Yellow—all would be yellow.

The play is as the viewer is. And this is the reality of the play. The world is as we can have it. The world is as we can see it. The world is as we can find it. Different states of consciousness have completely different evaluations of the entire world.

So the reality of the play is in the eye of the beholder. In one stage, in which life is fulfilled, the whole play is on the level of infinity. No question of finite value in the state of unity. How many have heard the name Vedanta? Vedanta is the exposition of life in the state of unity consciousness—unity. Where everything is in terms of myself—everything in terms of myself. When someday we will dwell on the characteristics of different states of consciousness, we will find that the finite values of the world, finite values of manifest creation, gain infinity, gain infinite value in that state of consciousness. And in that state duality—multiplicity—has no meaning. Duality of life is absolute, and eternally the same absolute. No question of finite value. That is the reality of life in one state of consciousness.

In other states of consciousness there are some finite values. In some states of consciousness, very long span of finite values. In other states of consciousness very short span of finite values. So there is range of the finite values, short and long, and in one state finite values don't exist. What is eternally true? Infinity. So this is the reality of the play. It all depends on how one can view, what glasses on has to see, hm?

State of consciousness is like a glass through which we see. Green glasses, red glasses. Different states of consciousness. And when we have so many states of consciousness then we have so many realities of creation. And each reality is authentic. It's a reality. The world of dreaming state is a reality in the dreaming state of consciousness. The world of waking state is a reality only in the waking state of consciousness. And the reality of one state of consciousness is the reality of only that state of consciousness. It's not the reality of any other state of consciousness. The reality of unity is the reality of unity alone. It's not the reality of God consciousness or transcendental consciousness.

The reality of each state of consciousness has its own character, has its own value. And therefore, when we say the world is a play, then just as players are many in one play, the viewers are many in one play. Each viewer gets swayed by the play. Sometimes it with this party when it is winning. Sometimes it is with the other party when it is winning. This way and this way and this way and this way. So the state of the viewers keeps on changing. And that we say is the joy of life. The joy of the play.

So the story of life is very very colorful. It's very colorful. And the colors keep on increasing as we keep on diving deep into the reality of life.

Q: Maharishi, last night when you were talking about the progression from CC to UC you made it clear that in Cosmic Consciousness the self is founded in Being. But the experience of the rest of manifest existence is not perceived and evaluated on the basis of Being. This situation is taken care of once we get to the state of unity, of course, but in the state of Cosmic Consciousness there seems to be a separation, a duality, between the way the self is experienced and appreciated, and the way the rest of manifest existence is perceived and appreciated. I was reading Love and God last night, and in there you said this: Love takes life from the pangs of separation to the bliss of eternal union. If you would, I'd like to hear the progression from CC to UC explained in terms of increasing love.

MMY: The increasing ability to love is the same that is ability to appreciate. Yesterday we talked in terms of increasing value of appreciation, ability to appreciate even the finest relative. And then further on ability to appreciate the infinite. So the ability to appreciate more and more is the same as ability to love more and more. It's the same thing. It's the same thing. Universal love is a word that is significant on the level of CC. And that grows. And that grows. And that grows. Until everything is as dear as one's own self—everything is appreciated in terms of one's self. Unity.

So the growth of pure consciousness means growth of ability to appreciate, growth of ability to love, and it's the same as growth of ability to be happy. And it's the same as growth of ability to harmonize.

Love is unifying. The extreme value of love is found when the so-called non-self is loved in the value of the self, in unity. Everything in terms of oneself. Extreme value of happiness on the level of extreme value of love. Love is the greatest unifying power. If you want to unify, gain more ability to love.

And in the midst of all differences, what will dominate is harmony, unity. There is no power greater than love. Power of love. Very great, very natural, and therefore most effective. Any other power may fail, but the power of love will accomplish the purpose. It'll just accomplish the purpose. Because it eliminates resistances. It just unites. The power that unites will always succeed. Anything that might not unite: separation, difference, disharmony. It will not have that universal, either application or effectiveness. Can't have. The power of unifying, that is the greatest. Love unifies, and that's it. So all that we said yesterday in analyzing the mechanics of the evolution of consciousness, everything can be said in terms of love.

What is that, which we say "force of evolution"? What is that? It's the expression of the power of love of the Almighty Creator. Force of evolution is the expression of the power of love of the Almighty Creator. He created, and now out of immense, infinite love for every little bit of His creation he wants every creation to grow and grow and grow.

So the force of evolution, which we find so profuse in nature, is just the expression of the power of love of the Almighty Creator. And with that everything grows and grows and grows and grows and grows to find the plateau of infinite value of life: unity. So the entire Creation is just the expression of love of God. Love. Everything is the expression of love. The whole creation is the expression of love.

Differences don't have much to offer. The power of love that unifies has a great thing to offer.